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### **APD Detectives seek public's assistance in locating victims of roofing scam**

The Austin Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating possible victims of a roofing scam. In September of 2009 North Bureau Detectives received a report from a victim stating that she'd paid a roofing contractor \$10,000 to replace the roof of her residence and that no work had been done.

Through further investigation, Detectives were able to discover a total of 6 victims in Austin, 1 in Cedar Park, 1 in Leander and 2 in Oklahoma that had all been victimized by the same roofing company located in Missouri.

More than \$53,000 had been taken from these victims and no work was done on any of their homes. A warrant has been issued for the owners of the company, Bryan Straley, DOB 1-8-82 and Dustin Lomonte, DOB 4-18-82. There are possibly more victims in the Austin area that police have been unable to locate.

Detectives are asking anyone with information or who may be a victim to contact the North Bureau Detectives at (512) 974-5749.

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